Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in James City County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 27, 2007 to November 26, 2007

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Realtec, Inc; One Ford's Colony Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188; GW0052000

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Centerville Road (RT 614) near its intersection with Jolly Pond Road (RT 633), James City County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Realtec, Inc has applied for a new permit for Fords Colony Section XXXV subdivision in James City County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 23,945 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a water supply for the planned subdivision. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Chickahominy-Piney Point aquifer at a depth between 205 feet to 260 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to James City Service Authority who will be the owner and operator of the system. Section 19-57 of James City County's Subdivision Ordinance provides that all major subdivisions located outside the Primary Service Area will have a public water system constructed by the developer and upon completion that the water system shall be dedicated to the James City Service Authority for operation and maintenance.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FÓR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hank Ghittino; DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: (757) 518-2197; E-mail: hlghittino@deq.virginia.gov, FAX: (757) 518-2009.